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Grover Will Meet Lili.

While the people of the United States await the inauguration of a President who will look with more favor than President Cleveland has on the appeal of Hawaii for annexation, the former opera bouffe queen of that little country is on her way to Washington to ask that this government help her to get back on her mellow throne.

It is not strange that ex-Queen Lili is encouraged to make this journey to appeal to her good friend Grover. He has turned a kindly side to her and to her late little monarchy. He has shown no disposition whatever to favor the Hawaiian republic. Annexation is not at all to his taste.

When the Intelligence and the property of Hawaii were hailing with delight the unfurling of the American flag, President Cleveland's "personal representative," Mr. High Commissioner Blount, was on his way to pull down that flag. The interview will necessarily be an agreeable meeting between two old friends who have not seen each other before.

But if the President shall consent to tell the ex-monarch only a little of all he knows he will tell her, kindly but firmly, that this country will not embark in the business of setting up toppled-over thrones and supplying the necessary junk for a court outfit.

It is the President finds himself embarrassed he may call in Secretary Olney, who will break the news gently in the stilted language of diplomacy. If everything else fails, Lili may pick up the truth on any street corner in Washington.

Peffer turns himself loose as a tariff-for-revenue-only man. That is the right thing for Peffer to do seeing what political bed-fellows he has chosen. To be consistent he must be as far wrong as possible.

General Antonio Maceo.

If Spanish reports be correct the great Cuban leader is to be spoken of in the past tense. Until those hostile reports shall be confirmed he may be spoken of in the present tense. Antonio Maceo is a very light mulatto, born in Cuba of mulatto parents. He may be said to be a white man with a little colored blood in him. His African blood shows itself more in his features than in his complexion.

He has just passed his forty-sixth birthday. He has twenty-three bullet wounds, twenty-two of them received in the ten-years' war and one received in the present war. His height is five feet and ten inches, his weight 180 pounds. He is a powerful man and has accomplished great feats of strength. His father and six of his brothers were killed in the ten-years' war. Another brother died in a Spanish penal colony.

Maceo has the confidence and affection of his men, to whose welfare in his small detail he gives close attention. In every fight he is at the front. He loves Cuba and is believed to be as capable of establishing a civil government as he is of fighting a battle.

This is in brief the man as he is described, just one man for the work he has undertaken, just the man whose death would be a serious loss to the cause for which he has done so much to command the world's sympathy and respect.

The bandits who held up a train within the city limits of St. Louis showed unusual boldness. They got nothing but disappointment. If they will furnish the press with their names they will get fame and a rest in the penitentiary.

Submit the Proposed Charter.

To-night the first branch of council is to act on the proposition to submit to the people the proposed new city charter. It is argued against submission that the charter is doomed to defeat, and that to submit it would be to put the city to additional useless expense.

This is probably true, and yet submission is asked by a considerable body of the people and it may be that a majority will approve it. The Intelligencer, believing in the rule of the majority, thinks that the charter should be submitted. In no other way is it possible to know positively whether the people approve or disapprove the instrument.

The Intelligencer has also been frank enough to say that there is a much of politics in the matter, that if a Republican council refuse to submit the charter, the cry will be raised that the Republicans strangled it to death without giving it a chance for its life.

The Republican council can be at the same time absolutely fair and absolutely politic.

It has been discovered that in 1840 there were three slaves in Ohio. Mr. Brice has had more than that.

How long? Is the question with regard to Cuba. The President and the secretary of state have made out a good case for intervention, although they say that the time is not yet. Every day adds to the horrors of the thing, and it does not appear that the passing days bring Spain any nearer to victory. The people of this country are ready to back any

movement that looks to ending the destruction of life and property and securing the freedom of the island.

Politics and the Consular Service.

The New York Evening Post sees no reason why every efficient consul should not be retained in the service. Assuming that all the consuls are efficient, this policy would result in a consular service on a basis of tenure for life or during good behavior and composed almost exclusively of men of one party. Certainly not many of the consulships worth having are held by Republicans.

When President Cleveland went into office there was a rush to put out Republicans and to put in Democrats, and our recollection is that the Evening Post joined in a very general protest against the kind of men selected for the consulships.

By an executive order President Cleveland has done what he can to hold in their places 196 consuls. These are all the consuls receiving an annual compensation of not more than \$2,500 and not less than \$1,000. The order leaves open to appointment by the next President 53 consulships paying more than \$2,500 a year, and 71 paying less than \$1,000 a year.

The latter are, of course, not very desirable, being paid by fees and yielding uncertain as well as small income. Moreover these least remunerative places are usually filled by persons residing where the duties are to be performed. Practically President Cleveland has protected 196 consuls holding positions worth having, and left to his successor, to fill or not to fill, as he may think best, 53 better places.

If President McKinley were to fill these places with his party friends and then throw about them the protection of and executive order, as President Cleveland has done, there would be some approach to fairness, although the odds would still be on the Democratic side.

We think that these facts will appeal to the Evening Post's sense of fair play and of a good public policy. Civil service reform, to commend itself to fair-minded persons, must not be too much like the handle of a jug.

Republicans of Wheeling, go to the primaries and help to select the men to go on your ticket. It is the right of every man who intends to vote the ticket to have a hand in making it, and it is his duty as well as his right.

Honor Among Gentlemen Sports.

There is supposed to be honor among gentlemen sports, but if Mr. "Australian Billy" Smith is to be believed Mr. Fitzsimmons fell into a den of thieves when he went into his recent bout with Mr. Sharkey.

At an interesting stage of the proceedings Mr. Sharkey acted as though Mr. Fitzsimmons had fouled him, and the referee declared Mr. Sharkey the winner of the fight and the purse. The purse was what Mr. Sharkey and his gentlemanly friends were after.

Mr. "Australian Billy" Smith swears that the whole thing was "a set-up job." The referee was in the scheme. Mr. Sharkey was to do the fouling act and the referee was to award him the honors and the cash. The gentlemen of the Sharkey party deny with great indignation all that is said against their integrity as gentlemen sports.

There is never a prize fight that does not draw out the money of persons who know nothing of prize fighting, prize fighters, their associates, manners and customs. Money is put on the assumption that the encounter is to be fair and fairly decided. Who knows? Who that is outside of the inner circle can know?

If fighters must fight, let those who think they are wise take the risk of backing their judgment on them. Other people do well to hold fast to their good money.

Every Republican should vote at tomorrow's primaries. That is the way to get the best material on the ticket.

What the Skyscraper Does.

The superintendent of buildings in New York reports that there are in that city 3,200 buildings which are "absolutely unsafe." The unsafe buildings are either the very tall buildings or those whose foundations have been weakened by the erection of the "skyscrapers."

This is a severe arraignment of the cupidity of land-owners and their professional advisers. It has been a question whether the skyscraper business has not already been overdone in the great cities, but the architects and engineers do not think so. Their ambition to build high has kept pace with the desire of capital to pile as many stories as possible on every foot of ground.

It is not so many years since a six story building was a structure of very respectable height. When eight and ten story buildings came along they were marvels. Now vaulting ambition reaches thirty-two stories. The architects say that this towering structure are perfectly safe. It is to be hoped that they are.

From at least one point of view very high buildings are not desirable. They shut out the light. A street lined with such buildings would necessarily be dark. Already Chicago gives some idea of how this would be.

If there must be an inaugural ball—the need of which has never been established—it should not be in the superb new building which is to house the library of Congress. It is not worth while to run the risk of making that handsome interior old before it is opened to the use for which it is intended. The protest against this abuse of a good thing is well made and should be heeded.

If in the next Congress the Republicans cannot control the senate without the help of the six holding free silver senators, the Republicans will have to get along without controlling the senate. The price of free silver support is too high.

Well, the free silver senators haven't a very desirable party to flock with. They can obstruct, but they cannot accomplish any affirmative thing. They may ride their hobby, but there is no pasturage for the spavined thing.

If Spain were really strong in Cuba she would not set up such a howl of rejoicing over the reported death of one Cuban. If Maceo be dead another leader will come to the front.

Senator Cullom's speech on Cuba may be expected to draw from Spain a declaration of her high displeasure. The Illinois senator cut to the bone.

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CONGRESS AND REVENUE.

The First Duty of Congress Under the Circumstances.

New York Mail and Express: The action of the six so-called silver senators in remaining away from the caucus of their former party associates has at least the merit of good taste and consistency. Having once determined that they would adhere to their position of "last session," that they would vote for no revenue bill without an accompanying provision for the free coinage of silver, it was only right that they should make it clear to the country that the Republican party is not in control of the senate, and is not responsible for the accepted fact that the Dingley bill is dead.

Under these circumstances, the future programme of the Republican senators has been referred to an advisory committee for report to their party caucus. It is perhaps natural that there should be some temporary division of opinion among the members of this committee as to what attitude to assume toward a bill that is dead; but that is after all a minor problem of parliamentary tactics. As to the policy to be pursued toward the general subject of revenue, there can be no question. The absurdity of Mr. Cleveland's assertion that the treasury contains a surplus, and the folly of his plan that the present customs law should be given a chance should be exposed and combated at every point. No opportunity should be lost to impress upon the Democrats and their free silver allies that the treasury receipts under the Wilson-Gorman act show a continuing deficit, and that the present reserve fund is the product of bond sales necessitated to meet current expenses. There are various ways in which this can be done. The Dingley bill may be pressed for discussion, even though there can be no chance for its passage, even though the President's message warrants the intimation that he would meet it with his veto, and even though in its present form, as reported by the majority of the finance committee, it is only a bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Nor is this the only opportunity for Republicans to press home the need of more revenue. There is pending before the senate the Elkins bill, levying a uniform percentage of duty upon all goods imported on foreign bottoms. Primarily intended for the special purpose of stimulating the growth of American shipping, this bill can now be urged as a revenue-yielding measure. It is assumed that this bill can command a substantial majority in the house, and that silver Republicans as well as a number of Democratic senators are in favor of the restoration of the American carrying trade.

It is well that the country should know thus early that the entire tariff question must be taken up and settled by an extra session of the next Congress. To this demonstration of fact business and trade can now adjust themselves, as indeed they have for some time been doing. It is plainly the duty of the next administration to call an extra session as soon as possible after March 4. It is important that no time should be lost in revising the tariff so as to yield ample revenue and so as to revive industries, such as wool and lumber, now languishing under the present tariff law.

With this end in view, the Republican members of the present ways and means committee, all of whom are elected to the next house, should begin at once the framing of the tariff bill. They should go about this openly and fearlessly, giving public hearings to representatives of industries affected, and so have the measure perfected and ready to report to the next house just as soon as President McKinley calls it together.

WHITCOMB RILEY'S TRIBUTE.

Touching Letter to a Friend who Had Lost His Child by Death.

Parkersburg Journal: Mr. D. A. Fawcett, foreman of the State Journal job rooms, has just received a letter, which he justly prizes among his most precious possessions.

It is from James Whitcomb Riley, the famous dialect poet, of Indiana, who has for years been a warm personal friend of Mr. Fawcett and family, and the letter is called forth by the recent double bereavement sustained by Mr. Fawcett, in the loss of two dearly-loved little ones.

Mr. Riley was particularly interested in the elder of the two children—"Little Daisie," as she was familiarly called by all who knew her.

He had met her some years ago, when she was quite young, while a guest at her parents' home, in La Grange, Ind. Her childish wit and baby piquancy charmed the poet and in all his future letters he was careful to inquire after her little playmate.

On this sad occasion he writes with the exquisite feeling of the poet, the sympathy of the man and the profound thought of the philosopher.

Here is the letter, which speaks for itself:

December 7, 1896.

D. A. Fawcett:

Dear Sir—Your little daughter and the little friend I never knew is dead you tell me. All I can say to you in response—sorrowing with you, but with utter faith and hope in Heaven—is: Be comforted. "God is His own interpreter and He will make it plain." Think—Your child, in your life and the mother's, was a blessed reality—not a dream—a vision—as in the fate of many, many yearning lives. So, a changeless verity your child remains—only for a while separated from you for some glorious reason of God's own. Your little girl now, in the infinite tenderness of His care, remains forever at her youthful best and sweetest. Nay, you must sorrow not—unless, indeed, you sorrow for the childless ones who may not look to find in Heaven even the child denied them here. It is these who are in truth bereaved.

Let me come in where you sit weeping—aye, Let me who have not any child to die, Weep with you for the little one whose love I have known nothing of.

The little arms that slowly, slowly loosened Their pressure round your neck; the hands you used To kiss—Such arms, such hands, I never knew.

May I not weep with you?

Fain would I be of service—say something. Between the tears, that would be comforting.—But ah! so sadder than yourselves am I Who have no child to die!

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